## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:	§ 8	Chapter 11
STEWARD HEALTH CARE SYSTEM	8 §	Case No. 24-90213 (CML)
LLC, et al.,	§	
Debtors. <sup>1</sup>	<i>``</i>	(Jointly Administered)
THE COMMONWEALTH OF	§	
MASSACHUSETTS	§	
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Appellant,	<i>๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛</i>	
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v.	§	
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STEWARD HEALTH CARE SYSTEM	§	Civil Action No 4:25-cv-2825
LLC, et al.,	§	
Appellee.	§	
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TRACO INTERNATIONAL GROUP S.	§	
DE R.L.	§	
Appellant,	8	
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v.	§	
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STEWARD HEALTH CARE SYSTEM	§	Civil Action No 4:25-cv-2829
LLC, et al.,	<i>。</i>	
Appellee.	§	
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A complete list of the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at https://restructuring.ra.kroll.com/Steward (the "Debtors" or "Appellees"). The Debtors' service address for these chapter 11 cases is 1900 N. Pearl Street, Suite 2400, Dallas, Texas 75201.

DR MANISHA PUROHIT, et. al.,

Appellant,

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STEWARD HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
LLC, et al.,

Appellee.

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Civil Action No 4:25-cv-2901

## JOINT MOTION OF APPELLANTS TO CONSOLIDATE APPEALS

Pursuant to Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 8003(b)(2), 8013 and 8018, Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure 6 and 3(b)(2), Southern District of Texas Local Rule 7 and 7.6, and this Court's Procedures, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("Massachusetts"), TRACO International Group S. de R.L. ("TRACO"), and Dr. Manisha Purohit, Dr. Diane Paggioli, Dr. James Thomas, Dr. Thomas Ross, Dr. Michael Regan, Dr. Peter Lydon, Dr. Sridhar Ganda, Dr. A. Ana Beesen, Dr. Benoy Zachariah, Dr. Barry Arkin, Dr. Bruce Kriegel and Dr. Gary Miller, participants in and beneficiaries of certain of the Debtors' deferred compensation plans, on their own behalf and on behalf of other participants in those deferred compensation plans (collectively, the "Participants" and, with the Commonwealth and TRACO, the "Appellants"), by and through the undersigned counsel, hereby file this *Joint Motion Of Appellants To Consolidate Appeals* respectfully request that this Court consolidate the appeals assigned Case Nos.: 4:25-cv-2825, 4:25-cv-2829, and 4:25-cv-2901 (collectively, the "Appeals").

## **BACKGROUND**

On April 29, 2025, the Appellees filed their Motion of Debtors for Entry of an Order (I)

Approving Settlement with FILO Secured Parties; (II) Authorizing and Directing Transfer of

Assets in Connection Therewith; (III) Authorizing Amendment to FILO DIP Credit Agreement and Continued Use of Cash Collateral; (IV) Granting Adequate Protection; (V) Approving Assumption and Assignment Procedures and Form and Manner of Notice of Assumption and Assignment; and (VI) Granting Related Relief Filed by Debtor Steward Health Care System LLC [ECF 4746].

A hearing was held on May 29, 2025 [ECF 5006]. On May 30, 2025, the Bankruptcy Court issued its oral ruling in favor of the Debtors in the form of its *Courtroom Minutes* [ECF 5018].

On June 2, 2025, the Bankruptcy Court entered its Order (I) Approving Settlement with FILO Secured Parties; (II) Authorizing and Directing Transfer of Assets in Connection Therewith; (III) Authorizing Amendment to FILO DIP Credit Agreement and Continued Use of Cash Collateral; (IV) Granting Adequate Protection; (V) Approving Assumption and Assignment Procedures and Form and Manner of Notice of Assumption and Assignment; and (VI) Granting Related Relief [ECF 5035] (the "Order").

Appellants Massachusetts and TRACO filed notices of appeal of the Order on June 13, 2025 [ECF 5123, 5128]. Massachusetts amended its notice of appeal on June 14, 2025 [ECF 5130]. The Participants filed a notice of appeal on June 20, 2025 [ECF 5161].

### **ARGUMENT**

When parties file separate timely notices of appeal, Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 8003(b)(2) and Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 3(b)(2) allow the court to consolidate appeals. Here, the appeals pertain to the same Order, involve the same record, and raise similar and overlapping issues. Thus, Appellants submit that consolidating the Appeals would promote the efficient use of judicial resources and be in the best interest of all parties. Accordingly, Appellants respectfully request that this Court consolidate the Appeals.

# **CONCLUSION**

Appellants respectfully request that the Court consolidate the Appeals, substantially in the form of order attached hereto as  $\underline{\textbf{Exhibit A}}$ .

(Signature Page to Follow)

Dated: June 30, 2025

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> /s/ Hugh M. McDonald Hugh M. McDonald

### **CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE**

Pursuant to Local Rule 7 and the Court Procedures of the Honorable United States District Judge George C. Hanks, Jr., I hereby certify that on June 30, 2025, I, counsel for Appellants attempted to confer with Appellees in a good faith effort to resolve the issues raised in the above motion.

> /s/ Hugh M. McDonald Hugh M. McDonald

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on June 30, 2025, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on all parties registered to receive electronic notice through the Court's CM/ECF automatic electronic notice system.

> /s/ Hugh M. McDonald Hugh M. McDonald